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STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION The State Library Commission held its first meeting of the year in Helena on Friday, March 3. Mrs. Doris Davies, chairman, presided; vice-chairman Don Gibson, and members Dolores Colburg and William Conklin were in attendance as was Advisory Council chairman Brother John Federowicz. The commission took formal action confirming tentative committment of $150,000 in LSCA Title II funds to the Missoula Public Library for its new building, subject to passage of a bond election which is tentatively set for June in Missoula County. The Commission also made a tentative committment of $12,270 to the Powder River County Library toward its new building, subject to the passage of a bond election to be held later this month.

The Commission voted to set four meetings each year for the consideration of applications for grants under Titles I, II, and III of the Library Services and Construction Act. These meetings will be held at the State Library in Helena on the Fridays before the second Mondays of April, July, September, and December. Meetings may be held at other times as deemed necessary.

STATE LIBRARY STAFF APPOINTMENTS Mrs. Ruth Guy has joined the State Library staff as a clerk in the reference/readers' services department. Mrs. Elizabeth Brandt has joined the staff as a clerk in acquisitions and circulation. John Powers has joined the staff as a clerk in circulation and the division for the blind and handicapped. Powers replaces Jay Buckley, who has left the staff to return to school. Mrs. Guy and Mrs. Brandt are filling new positions.

MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MLA President Douglas Mills has announced that the 1972 annual conference will be held at the Colonial Motor Hotel, in Helena, May 11-13. Information on the conference, including pre-registration forms, will be distributed soon. Hotel reservations may be made now at the Colonial Motor Hotel, or at other Helena hotels and motels.

National Library Week promotional material is now available from Richard Gercken, MLA's 1972 NLW Executive Director. The MLA National Library Week Committee is offering its own posters and bookmarks. The poster is 9 3/4 by 17 inches and announces National Library Week and International Book Year. The slogan on the poster, which contains a photograph of two children sharing a book, is "Books Bring People Together". The red bookmark uses the International Book Year symbol and announces National Library Week. These are local products available at reasonable prices, and they bear the caption "National Library Week in Montana".

Prices: Posters .25 each (two for .45)
Bookmarks 1.00 for 100, 1.90 for 200

Order from: Richard Gercken
Head, Reference Department
University of Montana Library
Missoula, Montana 59801

Nominations are now being received for the MLA Trustee of the Year award. Nominations should be sent to Mrs. Helen Hoffman, Chairman, MLA Trustees and Friends Division, (603 Fifth Avenue South), Glasgow, Montana 59230. Deadline for receipt of nominations is April 1, 1972.

PEOPLE Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs, head librarian at the Great Falls Public Library, was recently named to the Regional Advisory Group of the Mountain States Regional Medical Program. The 30-member group helps determine health care needs in the Region, and reviews all program proposals submitted to the Regional Medical Programs Service, U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Dr. Sidney Pratt, director of Montana activities, explained that Mrs. Jacobs' appointment is an indication of the increasing involvement of leading citizens, in addition to the health professionals, in seeking solutions to health care problems wherever they exist.

Mrs. Robert Brandt has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Viola Bergan as librarian of the Phillips County Library, Malta, on Mrs. Bergan's retirement July 1.

Mrs. LaVern Evans has been named librarian at the Mineral County Library, Superior, succeeding Mrs. Neva Cummings, who recently resigned.

Erik G. Halverson became librarian at the Big Horn County Library, Hardin, on February 1. Mrs. E. W. Reibeth had served as Acting Librarian until his appointment.

The Society of American Archivists will hold its annual national Convention in Columbus, Ohio, October 31-November 3, 1972. Over 700 registrations are expected to attend from historical societies, colleges and universities, public and special libraries, and archives from the United States and Canada. Interested non-SAA members are especially encouraged to attend. Program for the Convention may be obtained from David R. Larson, SAA Local Arrangements Chairman, Ohio Historical Society, 1-71 and 17th Avenues, Columbus, Ohio, 43211.

ACQUISITIONS LIST With this newsletter the sixth in a series, Recent Acquisitions of the Montana State Library, is being distributed to public, secondary school, and academic libraries in Montana. All titles on the list are available on loan from the State Library.

MONTANIANA Readers of this newsletter are reminded that titles are listed here as they are acquired and made available for loan from the State Library. A new compilation of Montana materials in print is being prepared for publication, and will be distributed later in this year.

A brief sketch on Indian people, their land and their income in the Billings area, October 15, 1969. Issued by the Billings Area Office, U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Author, 316 North 26th, Billings 59101 (no price given).

Afternoons in Montana, by Don McCarthy. Reminiscences by former Billings journalist. North Plains Press, Aberdeen, S. D., 1971, $5.95.

The bloody Bozeman, the perilous trail to Montana's gold, by Dorothy M. Johnson. The story of the trail, marked in 1863, by John Bozeman and John Jacobs; a volume in the American Trails Series. McGraw-Hill, 1971, $9.95.

The First National Bank of Butte; seventy-five years of continuous banking operation, 1877 to 1952, under the successive ownership and management of three men each named Andrew Jackson Davis. Company history. First National Bank, Butte, 1952 (no price given).

Historical information concerning the upper Flathead country, by Edgar W. Trippet. Covers history of Glacier National Park and various communities in Flathead County. Trippet's Quality Printing, Kalispell 59901, 1971, $2.50.

The last centennial, by Patricia Kilina. Novel set in a ranching area of Montana; celebrating the centennial of the town of Cottonwood. Dial Press, 1971, $6.95.

The last horizon, the rambling Chaffin clan settles in the Bitter Root Valley of Western Montana in 1864 and helps to develop this lovely land. By Glen Chaffin. Family history. Pine Trail Press, Somerset, California, 1971. Available from Montana Historical Society. $4.95.

Mission among the Blackfeet, by Howard L. Harrod. A discussion of the Catholic and Protestant missions to the Blackfeet, with an assessment of their sociological effect upon the tribe from the 1840's to the present. University of Oklahoma Press, 1971, $7.95.

The Montana-Wyoming Indian. Issued by the Billings Area Office, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Brief descriptions of each of the reservations of the two states are included. Author, 316 North 26th, Billings 59101, 1968 (no price given).

Mountains and meadows; a pioneer history of Cascade, Chestnut Valley, Hardy, St. Peter's Mission, and Castner Falls, 1805-1925. Compiled and collated by Mrs. Clarence J. Rowe. Author, 3411 7th Avenue South, Great Falls 59401, 1971, $7.50.

Survival, pioneer Indian and wilderness lore, by Elsie J. Cummings and Wavie J. Charlton. Available from Mrs. Elsie Cummings, P. O. Box 32, Hamilton 59840, 1971, $4.50.

The turtle went to war, by Henry Tall Bull and Tom Weist

Ve'Ho, by Henry Tall Bull and Tom Weist

Chief Plenty Coups, by Flora Hatheway

Three publications in the Indian Culture Series, issued 1971 by Montana Reading Publications. Available at $1 each from the Montana Historical Society, Helena. (See also other publications in this series noted in the November 3, 1971, Montana Newsletter.)

LIBRARY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Eastern Montana College, Billings, has announced plans for two special summer workshops in Library Science. The first, Library Reference Tools, will be scheduled June 19-30, and will identify reference tools for both public and school libraries and will be oriented toward all librarians, administrators, teachers, and prospective teachers. The course is partially funded by HEA-1 funds; registration fee is $15.00.

The second workshop is in Children's Ethnic Literature, and is scheduled July 24-August 4. It will examine literature of ethnic groups of this geographic region through award-winning books and favorite books and will include story telling and mythology. The course is partially funded by HEA-1 funds; registration fee is $15.00. For either course, additional information is available from Harold Davidson, Library Science, Eastern Montana College, Billings 59101.

The University of Wisconsin has announced a workshop in Rural Library Social Action, July 2-14, and an institute on Media in Library Social Action, June 4-10, both to be held at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Application forms, which must be returned to the University not later than April 1, are available from the Montana State Library. Information is also available from Miss Muriel Fuller, University Extension Department of Library Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison 53706.

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